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### **DRUG DELIVERY RESULTS IN 2 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR SOUTHWEST PORTLAND MAN**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced a 24 month prison sentence for a 35-year-old man convicted of drug related offenses following the death of a person in Washington County.

The investigation into Vincent Huynh started on May 3, 2017 when Tigard Police responded to a possible overdose death. During that investigation, law enforcement learned that the victim had possibly obtained illegally purchased OxyContin tablets prior to his death.

Law enforcement determined that the victim had been purchasing OxyContin tablets from a Portland resident, later identified as the defendant.

A search warrant was executed at the defendant's condominium, located in the 3600 block of Southwest River Parkway. There, law enforcement recovered 913 grams of cocaine, 777 grams of ecstasy powder, 240 OxyContin tablets, 185 Xanax tablets, a digital scale, \$5,520 in U.S. currency, packaging materials, a cell phone and other digital storage devices. Much of the narcotics seized from the residence were pre-packaged for sale.

The Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office later determined that the victim's death was not specifically attributable to the drugs received from the defendant. Instead, an autopsy showed the victim's death was a result of heart disease.

On April 25, 2018, Huynh appeared before Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Kathleen M. Dailey and pleaded no contest to one count each of attempted delivery of a controlled substance (cocaine) and attempted delivery of a controlled substance (fentanyl). Huynh was formally sentenced to two 24 month sentences, which will be served concurrently. Upon his release from prison, the defendant will be on 36 months post-prison supervision.

As stated on the record during the sentencing hearing, the defendant in this case was a fulltime college student studying biology and chemistry.

"Our community is impacted with each illicit drug transaction that takes place," said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Travis Sewell, who prosecuted the case. "The harm extends well beyond just one person. This office carefully negotiated this resolution. We recognized that prior to this case, the defendant had no criminal history. The plea agreement and sentencing ensures that the defendant is held accountable, but is also given the chance to make changes in his life once released from prison."

The defendant also agreed to forfeit all money seized as part of his sentencing.

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